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MEMORANDUM TO : Chief of Project
FROM : Chief, Air Support
SUBJECT: []

1. The following is a brief outline of [] background:

[] was an Air Force pilot during the last war. When the war ended, [] got a job as a civilian pilot - operations officer with the Flying Tiger Airline and was stationed in Honolulu, Hawaii.

[] was recruited as an air operations officer on a full-time status with the Hawaii Air National Guard. [] was offered and accepted a job as a transport pilot with the Hawaii Airlines. However, he continued with his work on a part-time basis as an operations officer with the Hawaii Air National Guard.

The undersigned was the [] of the [] Units at the time [] was operations officer. His methods and procedures used in conducting air operations were instrumental in winning for the Air National Guard of Hawaii the coveted Spatz Trophy.

[] was recruited by the undersigned for conducting black over-flights into China and Manchuria. At the time of this recruiting, a cover story was used and [], during his time of employment, understood that he was employed by a group of financial and influential business men. At no time during his tour of employment was he aware of any connection between this organization and the cover organization.

[] received thorough training in Japan in the art of making clandestine over-flights. He was rated by the undersigned as the best qualified clandestine pilot in the Far East. He received training in low level terrain flying, radar evasion, blind drops into D. Z.'s, homing procedures, box searches, and all ramifications of clandestine air operations.

Through [] efforts, the C-47 conveyor system was developed. [] was instrumental in refining exfiltration techniques by snatch pick-up.

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2. [] was security cleared by the United States Air Force while attending air intelligence training at Lowery Air Force Base, Denver, Colorado, and received a security clearance from this organization while working on clandestine flights in the Far East.

3. [] is believed to be eminently qualified to handle black flights and aerial resupply, as will be required for Phase 4 Operations, in a clandestine manner.

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